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In re the application of: George Wallace, et al.

Docket: L3-032-2004-01

Serial Number: 10/802,655

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Filing Date Accorded: March 18, 2004

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For: METHOD FOR CHANGING THE FREQUENCY FOR SAMPLING

SONAR WAVEFRONTS

#### PETITION FOR CORRECTED FILING DATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10(d)

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

On March 16, 2004, the undersigned filed the above identified patent application by mailing to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, under the procedures of 35 U.S.C. 1.10, Express Mail to Addressee, under Express Mail label no. ET116732213US.

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When the post card receipt for this patent application was returned to me by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, I noticed that a filing date of March 18, 2004 was accorded instead of March 16, 2004.

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Also enclosed are copies of the following four records, which were kept my me in the ordinary course of business. They were made by me simultaneously with the application filing on March 16, 2004:

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- 2. A copy of my United States Patent and Trademark Office outgoing mail/postcard return log entry showing the above new patent application docket L3-032-2004-01 being deposited as a 37 CFR 1.10 item on March 16, 2004. A later entry shows an incorrect post card filing receipt date of March 18, 2004 being accorded.
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In view of the above series of errors by the U. S. Postal Service, it is requested that the above patent application be accorded the corrected filing date of March 16, 2004.

It is believed that no petition fee is required for this submission, however, if such a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 18-1589 for such fee.

Respectfully submitted.

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Re: New Patent Application L3-032-2004-01

Dear Jim,

nclosed please find the final version of the above identified patent application which has been sent to the USPTO for filing. The title is "METHOD FOR CHANGING THE FREQUENCY FOR SAMPLING SONAR WAVEFRONTS" and the inventors are George Wallace and Paul Greene. Also enclosed are a signed Declaration/Power of Attorney, Assignment, Assignment Recordation Cover, Transmittal, Rule 56 Statement, form PTO-1449 listing 5 references cited as filed with the USPTO. I will let you know when the serial number is obtained. Should you have any questions, please call.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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